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SENATE BILL 2326

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 35, relative to private protective services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act may be known and may be cited as "The Airport Security Enhancement Act of 2002".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-35-102, is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

( ) "Airport security personnel" means any person employed by an airport authority, by an entity operating an airport as defined in § 4-31-603, or by any company conducting business at an airport, whose duties include the protection of persons and property from criminal activities. "Airport security personnel" shall also include persons who inspect baggage at airports or who conduct any screening or review of baggage at airports.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 35, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 62-35-139. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, all airport security personnel shall be required to obtain an appropriate registration card from the commissioner.

(b) Airport security personnel who carry weapons shall be required to comply with all the requirements for armed registrations. Airport security personnel who do not carry weapons shall be required to comply with all the requirements for unarmed registrations.

SECTION 4. The commissioner of commerce and insurance is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to title 4, chapter 5, to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, and for accepting applications for registration of airport security personnel, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes this act shall take effect November 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.